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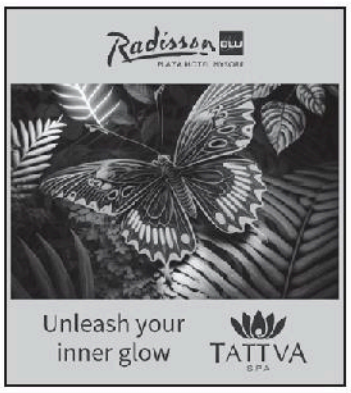

Battle for Varuna: Amit Shah in Siddharamaiah's home turf

Home Minister Amit Shah** (second from left) **seen with** (from left) **former CM B.S. Yediyurappa, Varuna BJP candidate V. Somanna, District BJP President Mangala Somashekar, actor Shashi Kumar and MP Pratap Simha during the poll campaign in Varuna this morning.

Mysuru, May 2 (MTY&BCT)- Union Home Minister Amit Shah campaigned at the high-voltage Varuna Assembly Constituency this morning in favour of senior BJP leader and State Minister V. Somanna who is pitted against former CM Siddharamaiah.

Amit Shah's chopper landed at the Suttur helipad in Varuna at 12.30 pm and he headed to Hosakote to address a public meeting where over 30,000 people had assembled. He was accompanied by former CM B.S. Yediyurappa, MP Pratap Simha, BJP candidates V. Somanna (Varuna), Dr. Revanna (T. Narasipur) and B. Harshavardhan (Nanjangud). Mysuru Rural President Mangala Somashekar, actor Shashikumar, Kote M. Shivanna were also present.

Varuna is witnessing a tight contest, and campaigning has turned bitter with many violent incidents where party workers from Congress and BJP physically attacked and blamed each other. Grassroots party workers both from BJP and Congress are in a belligerent mood and the situation is volatile as polling day is getting closer.

In his address, Amit Shah said that it was better to choose a leader who will continuously work for Varuna (Somanna) than a leader who is set to retire (Siddharamaiah). "In the last 15 years, Siddharamaiah and his son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah have done nothing for Varuna, not even a Taluk Centre. Siddharamaiah has claimed that this is his last election. Do you want Siddharamaiah who is set to retire or Somanna who will strive for the betterment of the Constituency for many years," he asked the crowd.

(See AMIT SHAH on page 7)

To Our Readers

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Sharad Pawar resigns as NCP Chief

Committee to be formed to decide on successor

Sharad Pawar

Mumbai, May 2 (Agencies)- In a move that came as a surprise to many, veteran politician and a stalwart of Maharashtra politics, Sharad Pawar today stepped down as the Chief of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which he floated two decades ago.

Pawar, who helmed the party since its inception in 1999, said, "I have decided to step down as the President of the NCP" at the launch of the second edition of his autobiography *'Lok Maze Sangati.'* His announcement was greeted by loud exclamations from the gathering.

He also stated that he would no longer contest elections, as after a decades-long career, one must think about stopping somewhere. "I have three years' tenure remaining in Rajya Sabha. I will not contest elections henceforth. In these three years, I will concentrate more on issues concerning the State and the country. I will not take any additional responsibilities... One must not be greedy," he said.

A Committee will be formed to decide who should be given the responsibility of the party Chief's post, Pawar said. He said that the panel should have senior members including Supriya Sule, Ajit Pawar, Praful Patel, Jayant Patil, Anil Deshmukh, Rajesh Tope, Chhagan Bhujbal and others.

(See PAWAR on page 7)

Political leaders from outside Mysuru should leave district by May 8 evening: Dy. Commr.

Mysuru, May 2 (KS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, has asked representatives of various political parties, who have come to Mysuru for campaigning, to leave the district two days before voting takes place on May 10.

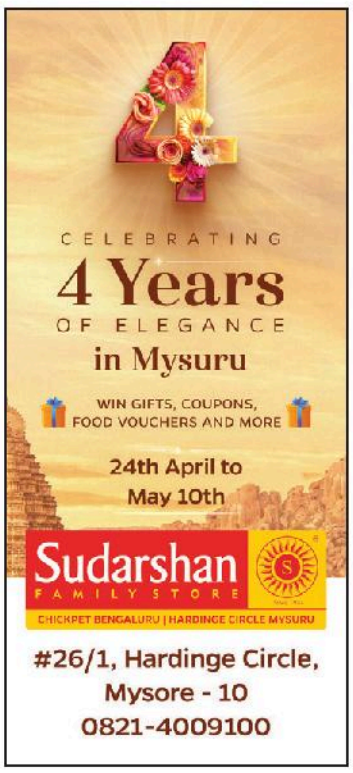
During a meeting with hotel owners at his office yesterday, the DC highlighted the potential for those coming from outside Mysuru district to engage in election irregularities by luring voters with money. As such, hotel owners and staff should check the identity cards of those staying in their hotels and collect information about their visit. If outsiders have come for political purposes, they should leave the district two days before polling takes place, he said.

The DC specified that as voting is scheduled to take place on May 10, political leaders from outside Mysuru should leave Mysuru district before 6 pm on May 8. Hotel owners should ensure compliance with this regulation, while there are no such restrictions for tourists.

The DC also asked hotel owners to display posters promoting the importance of voting in their hotels and raise awareness among their staff. Furthermore, he requested that hoteliers report election irregularities through the cVIGIL App and provide leave with pay for staff to enable them to vote.

Stating that dry days will be enforced from 6 pm on May 8 until 12 midnight on May 10 (the day of voting) and from midnight on May 12 to midnight on May 13 (the day of vote counting), the DC warned of legal action against violators.

He also requested that hotel owners install CCTV cameras that function 24x7 and store CCTV footage for 30 days, ensuring continuous power supply.



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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Cambodian delegation visits Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd.

Mysuru, May 2- A team of officers from National Election Committee, Cambodia, comprising Phyron, Director; Vann, Chief of Technical and Top Rithy, Deputy Chief of the Voters Data, visited Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (a Government of Karnataka Undertaking) here in connection with the procurement of indelible ink (52,000 bottles of 70 ml each) for their General Elections to the National Assembly to be held during July 2023.

G. Kumara Swamy, Managing Director, Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited, C. Harakumar, General Manager and all the staff accorded a warm welcome to the delegation and briefed them about the preparation of ink and technical issues involved.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Living wholeheartedly sounds like a wonderful idea, but what does it involve? To my family and friends, it means: being passionate, exuberant, full engagement, enthusiastic, whatever it takes, total attention, without reserve, having no doubts. The dictionary tells us it means 'showing or characterised by complete sincerity and commitment.'

There are many ways we can live wholeheartedly, but it begins in gratefulness and wonder. We pay attention to all we need to be grateful for; we cannot live wholeheartedly with strong feelings of dissatisfaction with the way things are. And wonder can best be described as a state of heightened awareness, observing the world around us with fresh eyes of curiosity, delight and contemplative attention. A sense of wonder is connected to our desire to feel a part of something larger than our everyday reality and we take time to be immersed in this and yes, to be grateful for this.

So, accept that there are no certainties and assurances, however unsettling this might be. Make time for what matters instead of putting this off for 'later.' Notice the good things, not only the challenges life sends your way. Don't expect good outcomes from just making a good decision — it's so easy to forget it takes hard work. Don't give up because of rejection and failures. Spend more time with people who uplift you — this in no way means only those who agree with all you say and do. Often the uplifters are not afraid to lovingly point out your flaws. And in turn, learn to do the same for them — always with kindness.

Becoming someone who lives wholeheartedly requires time to reflect with tough honesty on all your habitual patterns, choosing courage when some may criticise you and finding your own circle of support. Most importantly, be patient and loving towards yourself in all your efforts.

— Marguerite Theophil in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pink pachyderm spotted in South Africa

Mpumalanga province: A pink elephant goes for an afternoon swim with its mother and herd, and despite its unique color, the herd passionately cares for it.

Jaco Joubert, a guide at Mala Mala Game Reserve in South Africa, captured the cute scene and has shared it on social media.

"It was late afternoon when we headed down to the river to see what we could find. Expecting to find regulars at the water's edge, cooling down from the day's heat, we were pleasantly surprised to find a rather unique little creature. A pink elephant!" Jaco said.

The reason for the calf's pink skin is due to a condition called leucism. Leucism is a genetic mutation that causes a loss of pigmentation in an animal's skin, hair, or feathers.

This loss of pigmentation can result in white, pale, or patchy skin, hair, or feathers, as well as other abnormalities.

When ostriches danced in circles

Kruger National Park: A group of ostriches were caught dancing around in circles, competing amongst themselves.

Maitseo Matlou captured the bizarre and funny sight in Kruger National Park in South Africa on camera and shared it on social media.

These birds are known for their unique features, and interesting behaviors. But why do ostriches dance?

One of the reasons ostriches dance is to attract a mate. During mating season, male ostriches will perform a dance to impress females. They strut around in circles, bob their heads up and down and flap their wings to display strength and agility.

The dance is also a way for the male to attract a mate. In addition to mating, ostriches dance for other reasons too.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Simple way to avoid iron deficiency anemia is to eat food rich in iron like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, whole grains and red meat.

By Dr. Giripunja M - Consultant - Haematology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

JD(S) candidate promises Hi-tech Hospitals, Schools

Mysuru, May 2 (TRR)- JD(S) candidate from Chamaraja Constituency H.K. Ramesh has promised voters that if his party comes to power in the State they will provide hi-tech Hospitals and Schools based on the model of AAP-led Delhi State Government.

The JD(S) candidate gave this assurance while campaigning after offering special puja at Maragamma temple in Nazarbad's ward number 40. He launched a door-to-door campaign and sought support for the party. "I am receiving good response from the voters and people want a change. Here people are facing water problem and I notice poor quality of road works in the ward. I am sure that JD(S) will come to power and H.D. Kumaraswamy will become the Chief Minister. Our government will provide hi-tech Schools and Hospitals as being provided in Delhi," said Ramesh.

City JD(S) President K.T. Cheluvegowda, former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar (Chinniravi), Chamaraja JD(S) President P. Manjunath, Ward President T. Suresh, Women's Wing President Savita and others participated in the campaign.

'Aangika-A Movement Workshop'

Mysuru, May 2-Acting Shastra, in association with Indian Theatre Foundation, will be holding 'Aangika - A Movement Workshop' at Hardwicke PU College on JLB Road in city from today (May 2) till May 4 between 4.30 pm - 8.30 pm. Well-known Modern Movement Trainer Preethi Bharadwaj of Chennai and Yakshagana artiste Bhramara K. Udupa will conduct the workshop under the guidance of Prasanna Heggodu. For details and registration, contact Mob: 81976-54103.

REALLY...?

- *Iran has had 27 capitals, which is more than any other country in the world. Now the 28th one is Teheran.*
- *The Netherlands male residents are the tallest people in the world. Their height on average is 1.838 m.*
- *Peru has more than 2,800 varieties of potatoes, which is more than any other country in the world.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

While Nasrudin was staying in another town, a local man asked him what three times two was. "Four," Nasrudin replied. "You are wrong," the man said. "The answer is six." "Actually," explained Nasrudin, "I am not wrong. We use different type of math where I am from !!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.75
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.17
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.26
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.84

VOICE OF THE READER

Operate more city buses from City Railway Station

Sir,

I request KSRTC to operate more city buses from City Railway Station to Vivekanandanagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Dattagalli, Sharadadevinagar, BEML Layout etc., via Kuvempunagar, coinciding with train arrivals.

It not only benefits the public but also fetches more revenue to KSRTC. It will also avoid heavy rush at the pre-paid auto counters. Right now, people are forced to move to Ramaswamy Circle by boarding KRS-Mysuru buses at the nearby underbridge, get down there and catch another bus to move to these destinations.

City buses that presently ply are very few in number and are also untimely. Hope the concerned will look into this and help the bus commuters.

— R. Rajaram
on e-mail

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Obituary

Maj. (Retd.) Chillavanda Rani

Mysuru, May 2- Maj. (Retd.)

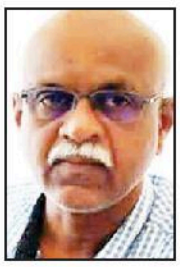
Chillavanda Rani (Balladichanda), retired Military Nursing Service (MNS) Officer, wife of Somaiah (Chomuni) and a resident of No. 750, Vijayanagar 3rd Phase, 4th Stage, passed away yesterday night in city. She was 69.

A native of Kandangala in Virajpet taluk, Kodagu, she leaves behind her husband, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

Dr. L. Prasanna Kumar

Mandya: Dr. L. Prasanna Kumar (59), Geology Professor at PES College of Engineering, Mandya and a resident of 11th Cross at Chamundeshwari Nagar in the town, passed away on Sunday afternoon.



He leaves behind his wife Anitha, daughter Dr. Anushree P. Kumar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land at Hunaganahalli yesterday morning.

Papanna

Chamarajanagar: Papanna (65), former PLD Bank President and a resident of Udigala village in the taluk, passed away on Sunday morning at the village.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his farm land in the village on Sunday evening.

Girl loses legs while trying to board moving train

Mandya, May 2- A 23-year-old girl lost both her legs while trying to board a moving train at Hanakere Railway Station in the taluk on Apr. 29.

The girl, who lost her legs, is Annapoorna, daughter of Hanumanthaiah and a resident of Shirahatti taluk in Gadag district, who is working at Tata Electronics in Krishnagiri district of Tamil Nadu. She was staying at her relative's house at Dasarahalli in Peenya, Bengaluru and the incident took place while she was travelling on some work from Ramanagar to Mysuru.

The train in which Annapoorna was travelling, stopped at Hanakere Railway Station during which she got down from the train and was speaking on her mobile phone when the train began to move slowly. Annapoorna, who noticed the train moving, tried to board the train, slipped and fell resulting in both her legs being severed.

She was rushed to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital in Bengaluru, where her condition is said to be critical. Mandya Railway Police have registered a case.

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CM Bommai holds mega road show in city

Mysuru, May 2 (RK&DM)- As the countdown for May 10 Assembly poll begins, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a mega road show in city yesterday covering Chamaraja and Krishnaraja (KR) segments, which are currently held by BJP.

After arriving at Mysore Airport at about 1.30 pm, Bommai drove straight to Chamundipuram Circle from where he started the BJP's mega road show in KR Constituency. The road show passed through the main thoroughfares of the Constituency, before reaching Agrahara Circle, from where it travelled across Jayanagar, Saraswathipuram, Vishwamanava Double road and other prominent roads.

Later, Bommai launched his Chamaraja Constituency road show from Adishakti temple in Kumbarakoppal (behind Jayadeva Hospital) at about 4.30 pm. The road show passed through Kumbarakoppal, Surya Bakery in Hebbal, Abhishek Circle and M.G. Koppal, where it had to be cut short due to heavy downpour that began at around 6 pm.

Addressing the people all through the road show standing in an open vehicle, Bommai said that Chamaraja and KR Constituencies are BJP strongholds for decades because of the trust that the people have towards the BJP. Explaining the benefits and advantages of a double engine Government, Bommai highlighted the achievements of the BJP Governments at the State and the Centre.

Asserting that the BJP was committed to the welfare of the farmers and the common man, Bommai said that the people of Mysuru have a special place for PM Modi. Maintaining that Mysuru got Rs. 250 crore special grant, Rs. 25 crore for Dasara and Rs. 89 crore for K.R. Hospital rejuvenation, he said that plans on Mysuru Tourism Circuit is underway, which is aimed at attracting a bigger number of domestic and foreign tourists. The Government is also focusing much on job creation and skill development, he said.

Making a reference to K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas, Bommai said that Ramdas was his close friend and has developed the Constituency very well. The BJP will assign him other responsibilities soon, he added.

Lashing out at the Congress, he appealed the people not to believe the Congress' Guarantee Cards as they are just a poll gimmick. Targeting the Congress leaders for making cheap remarks against PM Modi, the CM said that the people won't excuse them for their outbursts against the PM, whom he said was fulfilling the aspirations of the people and has made the country proud through his impeccable leadership. The CM appealed the people to vote for BJP for an able and performing Government. Continuing his tirade against the Congress, he said the Opposition party was indulging in false propaganda against PM Modi and the BJP Government.

Thousands of people had gathered along the roads for the CM's mega road show. The CM was accompanied by former MLC D. Madegowda, actor Tara Anuradha, BJP OBC Morcha President and former MLA N.L. Narendrababu, MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar, MLA L. Nagendra, KR BJP candidate T.S. Srivatsa and other party leaders.

Earlier, the CM was received at the Airport by MLA S.A. Ramdas, T.S. Srivatsa and other leaders. After the road show in the city, Bommai drove straight to Mysore airport from where he flew to Mandya for taking part in another poll rally.

PM Modi's grand road show

Mysuru, May 2 (SBD&BCT)- Wearing the traditional Mysore Peta, a saffron shawl on his white kurta and a grey 'Modi half-sleeve jacket,' Prime Minister Narendra Modi conducted a mega road show in Mysuru city in an open vehicle for the first time on the evening of Apr. 30 and wound up his whirlwind two-day campaign tour of Karnataka during which he addressed six public rallies and conducted two road shows.

In what appeared to be a re-run of sorts of the popular *Jumboo Savari* witnessed on the last day of the annual Mysuru Dasara, the Prime Minister's road show passed through the Raja Marga from Gun House Circle-Basaveshwara Statue Circle to the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle) via K.R. Circle, Ayurveda College Circle and Old RMC Yard.

Thousands of people had assembled on both sides of the roads all along the route and the temperatures were cooler, thanks to the rains that lashed the city the previous night. Moreover, the show was held in the evening and as the pleasant wind blew, the roads that sported saffron all over were jam-packed with fans, the general public, party workers, students and supporters and all had a glimpse of the world leader from close quarters.

The rally was, however, cut short near the KSRTC Depot at Bannimantap due to a paucity of time. Originally, the rally was to culminate at Millennium Circle (LIC Circle). After ending the road show, the PM's convoy headed towards Mysore Airport via Ring Road and flew to New Delhi in a special plane.

Locals, as well as the thousands of tourists who had landed in Mysuru, converged on the road show route and were joyous to see the PM waving at them enthusiastically. People gathered on both sides of the road waved at the PM and he responded. Many threw flowers at the open vehicle.

Waiting for the VVIP

In fact, people had no qualms waiting with bated breath for the PM and they had assembled at vantage points as early as 3 pm and were waiting for the VVIP to pass. The 4-km road show commenced at 6.30 pm and ended at 7.42 pm near the KSRTC Depot, Bannimantap. Unlike other road shows where he would be surrounded by security personnel and a posse of vehicles, this road show where the PM was in an open vehicle was surrounded by over 200 party workers with the traditional Mysuru Peta — many were holding BJP flags — and accompanied by many cultural troupes resembling Dasara procession.

The grand show was held amidst deafening chants of "Modi, Modi, Modi". Notably, even before the PM started his road show, people who had lined up on both sides of the roads were chanting "Vande Mataram", "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Har Har Modi". Many held placards with photos of Modi's childhood days including as a NCC Cadet.

Modi flew into Mysuru and landed at Oval Grounds from Belur in Hassan district after addressing his third public meeting of the day. After landing, his cavalcade with the PM in a closed vehicle moved from Kautilya Circle to MUDA Circle on Radhakrishna Road and headed towards Gun House via Chamaraja Double Road.

Modi's unsaid message

The PM was traditionally welcomed amid the tunes of Nadaswara at Gun House Circle at the South Gate of the Mysore Palace. MLA S.A. Ramdas welcomed the Prime Minister with Mysore Peta and saffron silk shawl and a hamper of 18 Mysuru specialities or brands including Agarbathis, Mysore sandal soap, Vilyadele and others. Later, the PM mounted on a specially designed vehicle. The road show reflected the culture and tradition of the region.

He was accompanied by MP Pratap Simha, former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa and MLA Ramdas. Eshwarappa recently announced retirement from electoral politics while Ramdas was denied a ticket to contest. By having Eshwarappa and Ramdas by his side, the PM sent out a message that the party will not sideline seniors who sacrifice their positions to youngsters and new-comers.

Cultural troupes give festive look to political event

Mysuru, May 2 (MTY&BCT)- More than 26 folk and cultural troupes performed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's road show in the city on Apr. 30, creating an electrifying atmosphere.

The political event where the PM had come to seek votes for BJP candidates of Mysuru and to enthuse the party workers to go to people on the development plank, turned into a cultural feast, adding colour to the evening. The spectacle resembled the Dasara Jumboo Savari procession.

While during the Dasara procession, people hail the Golden Howdah-carrying elephant and the Goddess Chamundeshwari seated inside the Howdah, during the road show, the crowd hailed PM Modi and showered flower petals on him to which the PM responded with similar gusto.

The highlight of the evening was the Nadaswara performance by over 100 musicians at the Gun House Circle. This performance set the tone for the road show and as the music reverberated through the surroundings, a festive atmosphere prevailed.

There were artistes presenting Dollu Kunita, Puja Kunita, Saxophone, Nagari Kunita, Somana Kunita, Veerabhadra Kunita and

"I had to get down from PM Modi's open vehicle four times to ensure that the SPG sleuths did not disperse the Mysore Peta-wearing party workers from the front of the procession. The SPG had asked them to move away in the name of security. Also, the SPG and security forces were holding ropes along the route to prevent the entry of people. This did not make sense as there was already a barricade to prevent crowd spillover. The act of holding ropes by the side was creating confusion."

—Pratap Simha, MP

Kamsale. Many men and women wore dresses representing Jagajyothi Basavanna, Kittur Rani Chennamma, Akkamahadevi, Onake Obavva, Madakari Nayaka and Nada Prabhu Kempegowda and these outfits reflected the cultural ethos of the land.

A group of ladies had teamed up where one of them dressed up as PM Modi with his trade-mark kurta-pyjama, saffron jacket, angavastram and the Mysore Peta, another one sporting the outfit of

Bharat Mata holding the Indian Tricolour and the remaining in the group, wearing similar dresses, dancing around them.

A group of women, including Bharatanatyam dancers, cultural troupes and women in traditional Kodava attire moved ahead of the procession. While artistes performed Bharatanatyam at Gun House Circle, artistes of the Chilipili Gombe team performed near Devaraja Market. The Dollu Kunita team performed near K.R. Hospital junction.

18 Mysuru aromatic specialities presented to Modi on a platter

Mysuru, May 2 (MTY&BCT)- In an attempt to increase the brand value of Mysuru and its unique products, an assortment of 18 products was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas. The items were presented to the global leader to gain global attention and to give a push to Mysuru's fame.

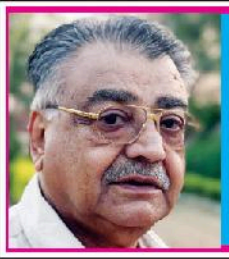
As the Prime Minister arrived at the Gun House Circle, he was accorded a warm welcome and Ramdas felicitated the PM with a saffron shawl.

He presented a tray to the PM that contained items including Mysore Vilyadele (betel leaf), Mysore Pak, Mysore Agarbathi,

Mysore Silk, Mysore Sandal Soap, a miniature wooden replica of the Mysore Palace, Mysore Silk Dhoti, Valli, Nanjangud Rasabale, Mysore Mallige, Mysore Sandalwood Garland and Mysore Peta.

Ramdas told *Star of Mysore* that he has conveyed to the Prime Minister the need of promoting these unique and distinct products on a global level. Though tourists from all over the world come to Mysuru, they are still unaware of such products. If the products are marketed globally, it will immensely benefit the farmers and growers, he added.

"Our dream is to accord a global platform for Mysuru products under the PM's 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' scheme and our intention is to provide a global branding for these products which are unique and named after Mysore, representing its legacy and history," he said.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Modi: Veni, Vidi, Vici

Mascot of India that is Bharat

Veni, Vidi, Vici is a Latin phrase attributed to the famous Roman General Julius Caesar. It means 'I came, I saw, I conquered.' It refers to a swift, conclusive victory. Same could be said of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Karnataka last Saturday and Sunday, including Mysuru. In Mysuru he did not speak but merely showed his face in a road show and won our hearts. Whether he will win our votes we will not know now. Let it be.

Yes, Opposition party leaders from Delhi too came to Karnataka, but they spewed venom, poison, on Modi and they indulged in rigmarole. However, the reality about the groundswell of Modi mania among the people is that no matter you Love Modi or Hate Modi, most agree Modi is a great Prime Minister. Modi is a redeemer of India's lost opportunities and of India's effete, corrupt administration reminiscent of the last days of Mughal rule.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to election-bound Karnataka on a two-day visit for election campaign. Yes, he came, he saw and he conquered. Not with military prowess but with his charismatic personality, like Nehru's, his oratory skills and above all passion for building a NEW Bharat, NEW India. A Bharat where every citizen, irrespective of his religion, caste, creed, language and location will be given an equal opportunity to pursue his passion, profession, trade and happiness. A Bharat where affirmative action will be taken by the Government to help the poor and the underprivileged.

Reservation policy which is continued even after 75 years of independence is a reflection on the failure of the past governments in alleviating the economic, educational and social conditions of these sections of our citizenry. And this is the soft belly of our democracy which our Prime Minister Modi has been trying to make impervious to attacks from vested interests and the dogmatic upper class.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi seen with former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, MLA S.A. Ramdas and MP Pratap Simha.

In the past, these vulnerable class of citizenry was made a vote-bank by a nuanced appeasement policy. This enabled **foreclosure** of benefits, under Reservation by those who have already enjoyed the Reservation benefits.

As a result, the already benefited group under Reservation policy, what the Supreme Court called the **"creamy layer"**, continued to enjoy the Reservation while others remained excluded from the Reservation loop. This group thus remained poor and deprived as there was no rational and equitable distribution of benefits.

Now Modi is trying to find a solution to this 'Gordian Knot' of a very serious and complex administrative problem.

It is only after 2014, the people of the country came to know of the dangerous, dark, cobweb ridden crevices in the management of our country which if allowed would have driven us to a social uprising. Modi's appearance in 2014 was like a new dawn for Bharat, India.

Be that as it may, Modi's two-day visit on Saturday and Sunday (29th and 30th April, 2023) to Karnataka had an electrifying effect on the people. He held six public rallies and spoke of the development. He also took on the Opposition Congress and JD(S), answering all their criticism of himself and the BJP government. Fortunately for BJP there is none in the Opposition who could match Modi or even Amit Shah in their oratorical ability. They seem to be good in personally abusing Modi, calling him names, a *chor* or comparing him to a poisonous snake or calling him a merchant of death or denigrating him as *neech* or a common c*haiwala.*

If that is the perception of Modi according to the Congress, there are some women in this country who adore him, who believe in him and his governance. For them Modi is the Light of Bharat, our country. He has proved that a fallen, weak country that India was, could rise again and gain strength.

Last week I was in Bengaluru. My friend had arranged a *homa* in his newly-built house. The priest asked at the start of the *puja,* the names of the owners of the house, their *gotra, nakshatra* and *rashi.* The wife of my friend first told the priest the name of Narendra Modi and rattled off his *gotra, nakshatra* and *rashi.* The priest was flummoxed. He said, "Madam tell me your name etc., and then of your husband's." She said, "No. First begin with Modi's name." We few friends there smiled and also admired her love and affection for Modi.

No wonder, Modi's two road shows — one in Bengaluru and another in Mysuru — were reminiscent of an off-season Dasara procession like summer rain. I guess people are ready to forgive the corruption and lapses in governance by the 4-year rule of Karnataka BJP looking at the face of Modi.

However, in the event BJP came to power in Karnataka, Modi should make sure the Ministers chosen must be non-corrupt, of character, qualification and merit to handle the portfolios as he has at the Centre. **At the Centre Modi is successful because he has selected right persons to each Ministry, even by making them Rajya Sabha member if not elected to Lok Sabha** — look at our Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar; Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal; Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman; Defence Minister Rajnath Singh; Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw; Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology and Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Rajeev Chandrasekhar; Minister for Minorities Affairs, Women and Child Development Smriti Irani; Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju; Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia and above all Home Minister Amit Shah. What more you want to take Bharat forward?

The strength of a chain is in its weakest link. There is no weak link in Modi's Ministerial chain. Hence, India is safe in his hands. We are safe too.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 'India Shining' campaign was fake. India was not shining. Hence, he lost the second term. When Modi came to power in 2014 India began to reclaim its lost power, lost cultural heritage, lost status among the comity of nations and began to shine. And Modi won with greater majority in 2019. Now let us wait and see what happens in 2024.

Jai Hind

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NR candidates vouch for infrastructure development in Constituency

Narasimharaja Constituency Congress candidate Tanveer Sait seen interacting with media persons at Patrakartara Bhavan this morning as NR BJP candidate S. Satish (Sandesh Swamy) and JD(S) candidate Abdul Khader look on.

Mysuru, May 2 (PM&DM)- Taking a differing view on the development of NR Constituency, candidates of the three major political parties — sitting MLA Tanveer Sait of the Congress, S. Satish (Sandesh Swamy) of the BJP and Abdul Khader of the JD(S) — have vouched for infrastructure development in the Constituency in their own ways, if elected in the May 10 polls.

The three candidates took part in an interaction meet organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Patrakartara Bhavan today.

Beginning the interaction, BJP candidate Sandesh Swamy maintained that NR continues to remain as one of the most backward Constituencies of the State.

Asserting that he would address the problems faced by the people if he is elected, Swamy appealed the electorate to give him a chance and see what real development means.

Taking exception to Swamy's backward Constituency remark, Tanveer Sait said that it is foolish to say that no development has taken place in the segment.

Arguing that developmental works cannot be taken up and executed at once, he said that it is a continuous process, which he will ensure that it goes on without any unnecessary break.

JD(S) candidate Abdul Khader asserted that real development means upliftment of poor families and ensuring their livelihood. He assured that he would work relentlessly in this regard if elected.

Replying to a question on allegations that the Constituency was lacking in development even after 20 years under him, MLA Sait dismissed the allegations as irresponsible. "Works are going on in NR Constituency on a priority basis. More than 22,000 houses have been built under various Government housing schemes and it is totally incorrect to say that the Constituency lacks civic amenities," he said adding that he had done his best for the Constituency, which he has been representing for the past 20 years.

On why he chose to contest the polls after announcing political retirement citing poor health, Sait said, "I had only announced political retirement and not retirement from social service or public life. Considering the pleas of Congress workers, the party has given the ticket to me. I am also physically fit to work as a Legislator for the next five years," he said highlighting his plans for the development.

To another question on why NR Constituency has become a hotbed for social disturbance, Sait attributed it to some anti-social elements who play mischief. "Despite the Constituency being prone to communal clashes, I have taken great pains to ensure social harmony and overall peace by taking into confidence leaders from all communities and I am satisfied with that," he said.

JD(S) candidate Abdul Khader said he began his career as a lorry driver before becoming a politician and as such can understand the basic problems of the people much better.

Maintaining that his priority is to ensure a sustainable livelihood for poor families, he argued that he has his own definition of inclusive development which means welfare and upliftment of the poor and deprived sections. "I will set up a centre in all religious places for providing information on all Government schemes, plans and projects as most people are unaware of them," he said reiterating that his focus will be more on imparting education to poor children.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar and General Secretary M. Subramanya were present.

DKS in city tomorrow

Shivakumar

Mysuru, May 2 - Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) will be campaigning for party candidates in city tomorrow (May 3), evening.

DKS, who will land at Nanjangud in a chopper at 11.30 am tomorrow will campaign for Congress candidate Darshan Dhruvanarayan and for Siddharamaiah at Varuna at 2 pm.

From there, he will leave for Pandavapura and return to Mysuru at 5.30 pm to canvass for Congress candidates of various Assembly segments in city limits.

KPCC President will stay overnight in city and leave for Ranebennur on May 4 morning.

Sharad Pawar resigns

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Pawar, however, made it clear that he was not taking a backseat from politics. "My colleagues, even though I am stepping down from the post of President, I am not retiring from public life," he said. After he wrapped up his speech, loyalists rushed on to the stage and asked him with folded hands to rethink his resignation.

Pawar's decision comes against the backdrop of speculation over his nephew and former Maharashtra Deputy CM Ajit Pawar's next move, with a few claiming that he might join hands with the BJP. Ajit Pawar, however, has reiterated that he would stay in the NCP till his last moment. Incidentally, Ajit Pawar was sharing the dais with Sharad Pawar when the latter made his bombshell announcement.

Sharadchandra Govindrao Pawar floated the NCP in 1999 after being expelled from the Congress for objecting to Italian-born Sonia Gandhi staking her claim to the post of Prime Minister.

Amit Shah in Varuna

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ATM of Congress High Command

"The previous Siddharamaiah Government was the most corrupt in the history of Karnataka and India. Karnataka was the ATM of Congress High Command where money was looted to keep one family in New Delhi happy. Now again if Congress comes to power, Karnataka will again be the ATM of Congress High Command," Shah charged.

Looking at the political trends, analysts say that what seemed to be a cake-walk for Siddharamaiah in Varuna has changed now, and with Amit Shah personally getting into an aggressive campaign mode, the fight could be cut-throat.

Moreover, Amit Shah has roped in former CM Lingayat strongman B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) to campaign in Varuna along with him, ensuring that the Lingayat community — the majority community in Varuna — votes for the BJP.

Earlier, it was rumoured that Yediyurappa and Somanna had locked horns and there would be division of Lingayat votes. However, Shah is ensuring BSY is present and pledges his support for Somanna. In fact, BSY had already stated that he would ensure the defeat of Siddaramaiah.

'Fear of defeat haunting Siddharamaiah'

Speaking to reporters at Suttur helipad today, Yediyurappa said that the fear of defeat is haunting Siddharamaiah. "Earlier, Siddharamaiah announced that he will campaign only for a day in Varuna but now we find him at Varuna almost every day and being a State-level leader, he has no time to travel and campaign in other Constituencies. This shows that he is scared of defeat," BSY added.

On Somanna, Yediyurappa exuded confidence that he would win in Varuna. "Somanna has a positive response from the people and chances of his victory are very high. He is a popular leader and a prominent leader of the Lingayat community," he said.

After his Varuna campaign, Amit Shah is slated to visit Hanur and Kollegal Assembly Constituencies in Chamarajanagar district. Amit Shah will later reach the Hanur helipad and will address a public meeting and proceed to Kollegal for a public meeting at Santhemarahalli later in the afternoon. He will leave for Bengaluru in the evening.

After party workers take away soft drinks at Amit Shah's Gadag rally

Pratap Simha pays vendor Rs. 35,000 to compensate loss

Gadag, May 2 (Agencies)- During his ele-ction campaign, Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited Lakshmeshwar-Shirahatti in Gadag for a BJP rally on Apr. 28.

Amid this, 22-year-old Sameer Hasan, who had come to the rally venue to sell cold drinks, had to face an unfortunate incident where his truck full of cold drinks was emptied by people who came to attend Amit Shah's rally. However, BJP MP Pratap Simha transferred Rs. 35,000 to Sameer to compensate for the loss.

A video of Sameer Hasan — whose family sells water bottles, soft drinks and ice-cream — breaking down went viral. This came after people who came to attend Shah's rally thought that the truck of cold drinks was arranged by BJP and it was for free.

Soon after this, people started to pick up the drinks and Sameer pleaded with them that it had nothing to do with BJP. But the crowd had no patience to listen to Sameer's fervent pleas and grabbed the soft drinks bottles.

It took just minutes for the crowd to empty the truck and Sameer Hasan looked miserable. This video was shot by a journalist and it soon went viral. Sameer had incurred a loss of Rs. 35,000.

Hearing about the incident, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha immediately took responsibility and paid Sameer Rs. 35,000. The MP tweeted, *"Sent the money to Sameer Hasan Saab. Sorry brother. Thank you."* Simha shared the receipt of the amount paid to him.

Later, the journalist also updated the news and said the amount Sameer had lost was reimbursed. Sameer too expressed his happiness as MP Pratap Simha had shown concern towards him.

Siddharamaiah rendered Social Justice to all communities: AICC Spokesperson

Mysuru, May 2 (MTY&DM)- "Opposition leader Siddharamaiah, who rendered social justice to all communities, was the first CM to earmark grants for SC/ST communities in the Budget and also give it a legal mandate," said AICC Spokesperson Anshul Avijit and appealed the Varuna Constituency electorate to elect Siddharamaiah with a huge margin.

Addressing Varuna Constituency party workers from ST Communities at the Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here on Saturday last, Anshul Avijit, who is the grandson of former Deputy Prime Minister late Babu Jagjivan Ram, maintained that Siddharmaiah gave grants to all communities considering their numerical strength.

Charging the BJP Government of practicing communalism, he accused PM Modi headed Union Government of stalling SC/ST student scholarships. Accusing the BJP of making attempts to subvert the Constitution, he contended that it was the Congress alone which can genuinely render social justice.

Highlighting the achievements of the Congress Government under Siddharamaiah, Avijit appealed people to bring back the Congress Government to power and thus save the people from hardships which they are currently undergoing under the BJP rule.

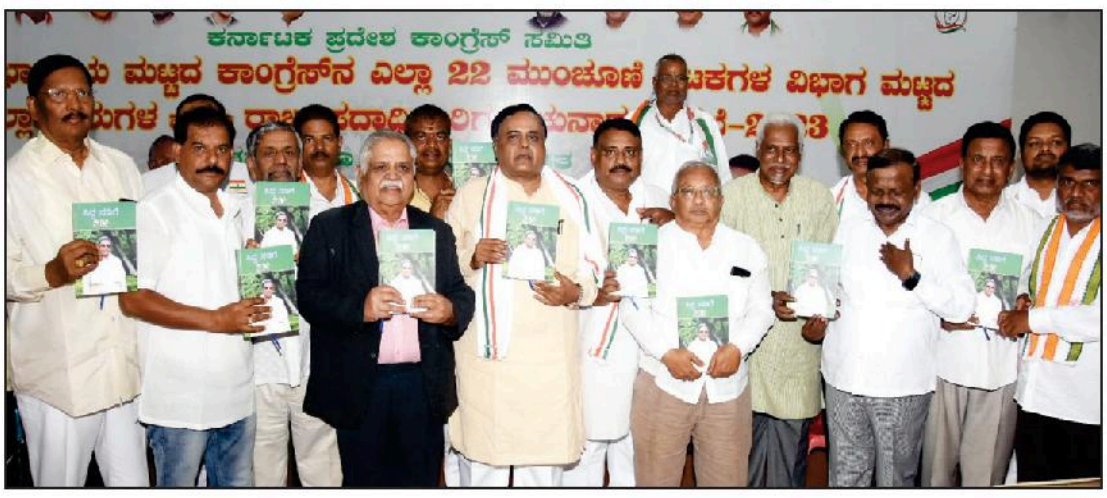
Sitting Varuna MLA and former CM Siddharamaiah's son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, in his address, said that Valmiki community has decided to support Siddharamaiah who is working for rendering social justice in the true sense. Accusing the BJP Government of ignoring Valmiki community, he said the BJP Government had hiked reservation for SC/ST communities with an eye on Assembly polls and not out of any social commitment. He appealed the electorate not to fall prey to the false promises of the BJP and to vote for the Congress.

KPCC General Secretary and former Valmiki Development Corporation Chairman S.C. Basavaraju too spoke and appealed Nayaka community to vote en masse for Siddharamaiah, who has always strived for the welfare of Backward Classes and other oppressed sections of society.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, KPCC Vice-President Suraj Hegde, AICC Secretary Prakash Joshi, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former MP Kagalawadi Shivanna, leaders Bhaktaramegowda, Renuka Nagaraj, Srinivas Nayak, Sarvesh, Madanraj, Alagudu Nagaraj, Shivanna, Manjula Raj, Ramesh Muddegowda, Mellahalli Nagaraj, Narayan and others were present.

Congress MP warns against 'Operation Lotus' agenda of BJP

MP L. Hanumanthaiah's book 'Sidda Nadige-75' released



Mysuru, May 2 (MK&DM)- Maintaining that the Congress has entered the battlefield and the party should win the polls by launching a surgical strike against the BJP, Congress' Rajya Sabha MP L. Hanumanthaiah warned the people against BJP's dangerous 'Operation Lotus' agenda, which he said would engulf the entire country if it is allowed to happen.

He was addressing frontline Congress party workers of Mysuru region at the Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here recently.

Accusing the BJP Government of being a 40 percent Commission Government, Hanumanthaiah underlined the reasons why the Congress must return to power in the State in the interests of the common man.

Alleging that the BJP had opposed nationalisation of Banks that happened in the late sixties, he said that the then Sangh Parivar had also questioned why the poor needed Banks.

Asserting that those against the poor cannot waive off loans of the poor, he said the BJP, which waived off Rs.16 lakh crore loans of Corporates, cannot understand the plight of the poor people.

Maintaining that the BJP always stood for the haves and never worked for the have-nots, he charged the BJP of rampant corruption and indulging in casteism and communalism.

Noting that Congress stands a good chance of coming back to power, with many pre-poll surveys predicting a Congress victory, Hanumanthaiah asked partymen to be cautious while making public speeches as any controversial or debatable remarks could mar the party's prospects.

"The BJP is out to destroy the Constitution through its actions. The Congress should be wary of the BJP's policy of divide and rule and take measures to educate people on BJP's ploys", he said while appealing the electorate to throw out the BJP Government from power both at the State and the Centre.

Former Rangayana Director C. Basavalingaiah released L. Hanumanthaiah's work 'Sidda Nadige-75', marking the 75th birthday of former CM Siddharamaiah.

KPCC SC Wing State President R. Dharmasena, former KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.S. Ramegowda, City Congress President R. Murthy, State Congress leader M.C. Venugopal, Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu, leaders C. Narayanaswamy, N.R. Nagesh, Basavanna, Rangaswamy, K. Ramesh, K.S. Siddaraju and others were present.

2,343 persons avail Vote from Home facility in three days

Mysuru, May 2 (KS) - Around 1,389 persons over 80 years of age and People with Disabilities (PwD) have cast their votes from their homes on Apr. 30 and May 1. On Apr. 29, a total of 954 people had exercised their franchise from their homes.

In all, a total of 2,343 people have taken advantage of the vote from home option, an initiative rolled out by the Election Commission for those coming under 80-plus bracket and PwD from Apr. 29 to May 1.

Officials deputed for the purpose visited the homes of those who had opted to vote from their homes and the process was videographed. The 'Vote from Home' process will continue till May 6.

On Apr. 30, 773 persons above 80 and 127 people with disabilities from 10 Assembly segments in Mysuru district have cast their votes while 454 persons (above 80) and 35 (PwD) from six Assembly segments have cast their votes from their homes on May 1 *(see table below)*.

Day-2 elderly and People with Disability voting data

Constituency	80-plus voters	PwD voters	Total
Chamaraja	101	1	102
Chamundeshwari	76	15	91
H.D. Kote	21	14	35
Hunsur	109	30	139
Krishnaraja	133	2	135
Nanjangud	13	4	17
Narasimharaja	111	7	118
Periyapatna	92	25	117
T. Narasipur	31	8	39
Varuna	86	21	107
Total	**773**	**127**	**900**

Day-3 data

Constituency	80-plus voters	PwD voters	Total
Chamaraja	29	2	31
Hunsur	1	0	1
Krishnaraja	150	4	154
Nanjangud	14	1	15
Narasimharaja	4	1	5
K.R. Nagar	256	27	283
Total	**454**	**35**	**489**

Modi visit: Cops ensure crowd control

Mysuru, May 2 (RK&BCT)- More than 2,500 security personnel were deployed to ensure order during Prime Minister Modi's road show on Sunday.

While the Special Protection Group (SPG) and the National Security Guards (NSG) formed the first and primary layer of security, the Paramilitary forces deployed for election duty and the City Police and the armed personnel pulled from various wings formed the secondary and tertiary layer of the security.

Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Alok Kumar was the overall incharge of the security all along the road show route and under him functioned City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, DCPs M. Muthuraj, S. Jahnavi and all the Sub-Divisional ACPs of Mysuru.

The SPG and NSG teams had arrived in Mysuru a week in advance and the latest forces to join them on Apr. 29 were anti-sabotage squads, bomb disposal squads, jammers and other advanced security equipment mounted on the SUVs. Fortunately, the road show passed off peacefully, except for a mobile phone-throwing incident that was 'unintentional.' The mega event was preceded by a series of meetings of the City Top Cop with the SPG commandos along the route and key destinations. If barricades were erected all along the route, crowd control when the PM's open vehicle was in motion was a challenging task, especially at the cross roads, junctions, circles and other lanes and bylanes.

High-definition CCTV cameras, bright flashlights and multi-light bunches were installed along the route for high visibility. However, the road show led to traffic jams at many places abutting the route and surrounding areas as thousands of tourists had descended on Mysuru city owing to a long weekend that got stretched for Monday, May Day.

Motorists had to face traffic restrictions in many parts of city. Police had announced in advance that many roads will be out of bounds for traffic between 12 noon and 8 pm. Owing to this, many arterial roads around the road show route were clogged.

Kaveesh Gowda takes out *padayatra*

Chamundeshwari Constituency BJP candidate Kaveesh Gowda is on a brisk poll campaigning by going door-to-door and undertaking padayatra along with his supporters. He was accompanied by Constituency President Gejjagalli Mahesh, former Corporator Prashanth Gowda, Raitha Sangha Vice-President Basavaraj and others.

Varuna Congress leaders join BJP

More than hundred Congress leaders from Kalmahalli village in Nanjangud taluk coming under Varuna Constituency joined BJP under the leadership of Varuna Constituency BJP President Vijaykumar and former Zilla Panchayat Member Kalmahalli Shivakumar. They have intensified campaigning in favour of BJP candidate V. Somanna.

Mobile phone hurled at PM out of 'excitement'

A mobile phone was thrown at Prime Minister Modi while he was holding a road show in city standing on a specially designed vehicle. The phone was hurled out of 'excitement' by a female BJP worker who had no 'ill-intention', according to the Police.

The phone landing on the bonnet of the vehicle after it was flung at the vehicle did not go unnoticed by the PM who indicated the object to the Special Protection Group (SPG) sleuths who were accompanying him.

"The Prime Minister was under the protection of the SPG. The lady (whose phone fell onto PM's vehicle) was a BJP worker. The SPG people returned it to her later," Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), Alok Kumar told reporters.

"In the excitement (of the event), it was thrown and she had no (ill) intention but we

are trying to trace the lady because the phone was handed over to her by the SPG sleuths. We are trying to trace the woman," he added.

It may be recalled here that during the PM's recent road show in Kerala's Kochi too, a mobile phone was hurled towards the PM but the alert SPG commando spotted it and using his quick reflexes, he was able to intercept the object before it reached the PM. The phone had slipped out of the hands of a person while trying to shower flower petals on the Prime Minister. The phone was returned to that person later.

The mobile phone was not hurled at the PM's vehicle intentionally. One lady, a Yoga teacher, was filming the road

show with her mobile phone and a party worker's hand accidentally touched the phone while he was throwing flowers near the Chikka Gadiyara. The phone flew at the PM's vehicle due to the sudden impact. Otherwise, the road show passed off smoothly and we functioned as per the directions given by the SPG and it took proper planning of over a week and meticulous coordination to ensure order. An estimated 60,000 people had lined up along the road show route."

— Ramesh Banoth, Police Commissioner, Mysuru city

WORD OF THE DAY

Beguile

Pronunciation: bih-GHYLE.
Meaning: To beguile is to attract or interest someone, or to trick or deceive them.
Origin: A number of English words have traveled a rather curious path from meanings related to deception or trickery to something less unwelcome. A prime example is beguile, which first appeared in English around the 13th century with the meaning "to lead or draw by deception." For the next several centuries, most of the senses of the verb had to do, in one manner or another, with deceiving. Around the time of Shakespeare, however, a more appealing sense charmed its way into the English language and hasn't left since: "to attract or interest someone," or in other words, "to charm." Nowadays, you're just as likely to hear beguile applied to someone who woos an audience with charisma, as to a wily trickster who hoodwinks others to get their way.
Example: "Recycling themes from 'Dangerous Liaisons' and 'John Tucker Must Die,' the movie [Mr. Malcolm's List] follows two young women as they exact retribution on a snooty bachelor. The more Machiavellian of the pair is Julia Thistlewaite (Zawe Ashton), who early on endures a public snubbing by the coveted Mr. Malcolm (Ṣọpẹ́ Dìrísù). Vexed, Julia summons an old school chum, Selina Dalton (Freida Pinto), and enlists her in a vindictive plot to beguile Malcolm and then break his heart as payback."—Natalia Winkelman.

THE ODD WORD

Baetyl

Magical or holy meteoric stone.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Between a rock and a hard place

Meaning: The phrase 'Between a rock and a hard place' is used when in a very difficult position; facing a hard decision.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Between a rock and a hard place' can be found in ancient Greek mythology. In Homer's Odyssey, Odysseus must pass between Charybdis, a treacherous whirlpool, and Scylla, a horrid man-eating, cliff-dwelling monster. Ever since, saying one is stuck between a rock (the cliff) and a hard place (the whirlpool) has been a way to succinctly describe being in a dilemma.
Example: "I'd like to help you but I am stuck between a rock & a hard place."

QUOTE BOX

Stick to the basics, hold on to your family and friends - they will never go out of fashion. **—Niki Taylor**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TUITI♀N

Answer: Woman's intuition.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Ferocious
6 Fleshy
10 The ___ : well-known thoroughfare in London?
11 Help or assist
12 Segregated or separated
14 Condl. Access Sys.
16 Aims or ends or ambitions
17 Pass away
19 ___ facto : by that very fact?
21 Ex-P.M. Narsimha ___
22 Ringlet
23 NW American state
25 Motifs
27 Record company ___ Victor
28 A sphere or globe
29 Natives of our continent
32 Extra space
35 Cervine animal
36 Indian Medical Association, acronym?
38 Kind of pudding
39 Possesses
40 Greek letter
42 ___ Healy : Australian wicket-keeper in Mark Taylor's team?
43 Ambassador or envoy?
45 Unwell
46 French river
47 Slip by or pass away, especially time
48 Closer

SUNDAY'S ANSWER

F	A	S	C	■	C	N	S	■	I	D	L	I
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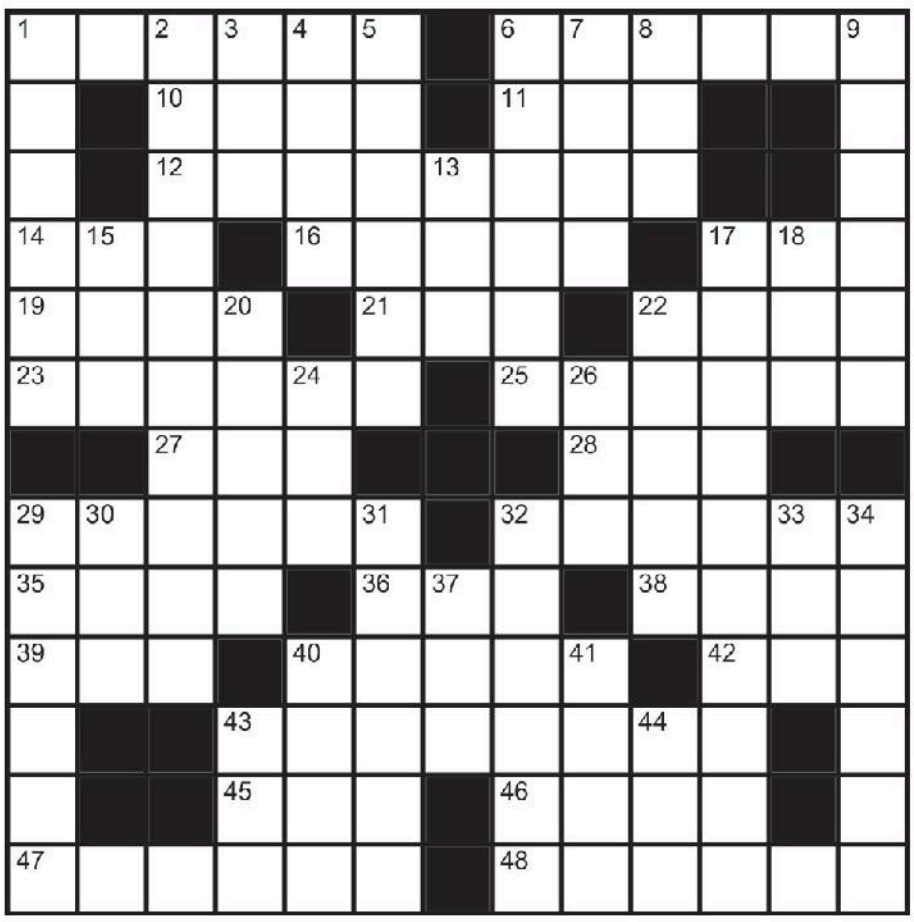
DOWN

1 A broad and distinct band of colour
2 Government's representatives
3 An Ethiopian prince
4 Block up or obstruct
5 Historic caves: Ajanta and ___
6 A ___ ___ : very little? (3,3)
7 Fibs or untruths
8 Tack on
9 Sings in a sing-song voice?
13 American Auto. Assoc.
15 A Programming Lang.
17 Lift for carrying food between floors
18 Poetic anger
20 Academy award
22 Roman harvest goddess
24 Neb. neighbor
26 Do some garden work
29 Cling to or hold closely to
30 Body of water
31 Plain or easy
32 Body of water within a reef
33 Turkish military leader
34 Over there
37 Gibson or Brooks of Hollywood
40 Lubricates
41 Female friend from France?
43 Immerse in water
44 Simile centre (2,1)



SUDOKU

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		1	9					

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	1	7	5	2	9	4	6
5	4	7	6	1	9	3	2	8
9	2	6	3	8	4	7	1	5
1	5	9	2	3	6	8	7	4
6	8	3	4	7	1	5	9	2
2	7	4	5	9	8	1	6	3
7	9	2	8	6	5	4	3	1
4	1	5	9	2	3	6	8	7
3	6	8	1	4	7	2	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Ponniyin Selvan Part 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan (H)	(S-1)	1.35 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	(S-1)	7.30 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	11.10 am, 4.30 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	(S-2)	11.10 am, 1.40 pm
Virupaksha (Te)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Agent (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Raaghu (K)	(S-3)	11.30 am
Sisu (E)	(S-3)	1.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Evil Dead Rise (E)	(S-3)	6.10 pm, 8.15 pm

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Ponniyin Selvan - Part 2 (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.30 pm 9.00 pm
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Ponniyin Selvan - Part 2 (H)	:	9.45 pm
Agent (Te)	:	9.15 am, 3.30 pm, 10:30 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	:	9.50 am, 12.15 pm, 5.25 pm 7.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Evil Dead Rise (E)	:	10.40 am, 1.05 pm, 8.05 pm, 10 pm
Suzume (Japanese)	:	12.00 noon
Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan	:	12.35 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.15 pm
Sisu (E)	:	1.35 pm, 7.00 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	:	2.40 pm
Amar Akbar Anthony -1977 (H)	:	3.45 pm
Virupaksha (Te)	:	3.50 pm, 6.50 pm

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Ponniyin Selvan - Part 2 (Ta)	:	9.15 am, 12.45 pm, 4.35 pm 6.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan (H)	:	9.30 am, 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Agent (Te)	:	11.05 am, 3.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Evil Dead Rise (E)	:	11.45 am, 2.10 pm, 8.05 pm
Virupaksha (Te)	:	12.40 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	:	2.25 pm, 4.15 pm 7.35 pm, 10.15 pm
Shivaji Surathkal 2 (K)	:	4.50 pm

Campaigning for BJP's Srivatsa

Mysuru, May 2- Jumping into the Assembly poll campaign, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha undertook a poll campaign on behalf of KR BJP candidate T.S. Srivtasa in the city yesterday.

Mahasabha Members, under the leadership of the Mahasabha Vice-President Dr. B.R. Nataraj Jois, launched the poll campaign from Ganapati Temple close to Vivekananda Circle and held a door-to-door campaign in localities such as Vivekanandanagar, Srirampura, Aravindnagar and Kuvempunagar.

Speaking during the course of the campaign, Dr. Jois said that Brahmins are a dominant community in KR Constituency and as such, the Mahasabha has launched the campaign for Srivatsa who is from Brahmin community. Highlighting the other objectives of the campaign, he said that it is also aimed at increasing poll percentage.

Maintaining that Brahmin community members are honest tax payers, he said that the community should take part in the polling in maximum numbers in order to seek due benefits from the Government. Stressing on the need for compulsory voting, he called upon the community members to exercise their franchise without fail.

A Brahmin Umbrella Forum, involving various organisations such as Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Babbur Kamme Brahmin Association, Vivekanandanagar Brahmin Association, Mulakanadu Brahmin Association, Kaushika Sanketi Association, Bettadapura Sanketi Association, Sandhya Suraksha Trust, Karnataka Brahmin senior citizens Forum, Atalji Samskara Prathishtana etc., was formed for campaigning on behalf of the KR BJP candidate.

Melukote Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, Brahmin Dharma Sahaya Sabha President L. Srinivas, Babbur Kamme Brahmin Association President Suryanarayan, BEML Brahmin Association President Ganesh Kurki, leaders K. Raghuram, Ravindra, R. Satyanarayan, Dr. Lakshmidevi, Vijayalakshmi, Suresh, Vishwanath, Vinay and Ananthaprasad were present.

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 3)

- **Sri Venkatachaladhama - Madhwaraddhanta Samvardhaka Sabha:** Sri Vedavyasa Jayanti, Sri Vidyamanya Theertha Sripadara Aradhane and Narasimha Jayanti Mahotsava, Dharmashastra Vinodagoshti, Sri Vittaladhama, J.P. Nagar, **9.30 am and 3 pm to 5 pm;** Stage programme, discourse on 'Hitihasa - Vividha Puranagalalli Sri Krishna na Patrachintane' by Vid. V. Ananda Theertha Nagasampige Acharya, Director, Poornaprajna Samshodhana Mandira, Bengaluru; Bharatanatyam by J.K. Suvidya and Lakshmi Yadunandana, Centenary Hall, Sarada Vilas College, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** Music Concert by Vid. BNS Murali (vocal), Vidu. Ratna Theja (violin) and Vid. M.R. Manjunath (mridanga), Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

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Ponniyin Selvan Part - 2 (K)	(S-2)	6.00 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 4.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Agent (Te)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 6.50 pm
Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Jaan (H)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 3.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Evil Dead Rise (E)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 9.45 pm

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Ponniyin Selvan Part -2 (Ta)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 5.30 pm, 9.00 pm
Evil Dead Rise (E)	(S-4)	8.05 pm
Virupaksha (Te)	(S-4)	1.55 pm
Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan (H-atmos)	(S-1)	12.40 pm; (S-4) 10.20 pm
Agent (Te)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 4.55 pm
Raghavendra Stores (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 3.40 pm, 8.10 pm
Raaghu (K)	(S-1)	6.00 pm
Ponniyin Selvan Part -2 (H)	(S-3)	2.00 pm

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TODAY'S MATCH (MAY 2)

GT Vs **DC** — 7.30 pm
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